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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Nov 20

If you don't follow [@PresVillain](#) you ought to, regardless of your politics. Marvel Comics+politics. Too funny.

**President Supervillain** @PresVillain
I WANT NOTHING! I WANT NOTHING!!#PresidentSupervillain
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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Nov 5

It was the topic of discussion [@NewAmericaSP](#) with [@_JesseMorton](#) [@bjgalloway1717](#) [@SchoepJeff](#) and here's the link to watch it:

Ctrl+Alt+Del-Hate

Join New America and Parallel Networks to discuss the launch of the Ctrl+Alt+Del-Hate initiative.

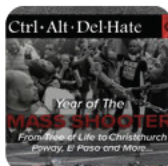
[newamerica.org](#)

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[Show this thread](#)**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Nov 5

This e-zine is devoted to combating extremism coming from the far right. Done in the style of Inspire, Dabiq and Rumiyah, it is full of articles by former right-wing extremists of different stripes who have turned against their former organizations. Check it out.

**Light Upon Light** @lighttuponlight

@lighttuponlight is pleased to announce the launch of our new online E-zine, Ctrl+Alt+Del-Hate, dedicated to confronting polarization, hate and extremism. If you or someone you know needs support please contact our...



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**ADL**  [@ADL](#)

We commend law enforcement for arresting a man who allegedly plotted to bomb a Colorado synagogue, and who posted violent threats against Jewish & Latinx people. Our Center on Extremism has been tracking this white supremacist since 2016. Full statement: ...



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**Mitch Silber** [@MitchSilber](#) · Oct 31Replying to [@WSJopinion](#) [@raffpantucci](#)

Excellent piece by [@raffpantucci](#) on the evolving nature of the terrorist threat. Very unnerving for those charged with public safety. W/o mapping networks or ideological acolytes, tough to thwart future plots. "Spontaneous combustion" by solitary individuals almost unstoppable.



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**Mitch Silber** [@MitchSilber](#) · Oct 30

Aha..."we may learn about how global intelligence personnel penetrated ISIS"

Jessica Stern [@JessicaEStern](#)

So you guys didn't notice I hinted there had to be someone inside in my oped Sunday...[@dbyman](#). I can't resist telling you this. Childish "I knew it!" [twitter.com/MitchSilber/st...](https://twitter.com/MitchSilber/status/1194444444)

**Mitch Silber** [@MitchSilber](#) · Oct 30

Long live HUMINT!

Dan Byman [@dbyman](#)

Wow. Islamic State defector inside Baghdadi's hideout critical to success of raid, officials say [washingtonpost.com/national-secur...](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2019/10/30/isis-defector-critical-to-success-of-raid-officials-say/)



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**Mitch Silber** [@MitchSilber](#) · Oct 29Replying to [@GerardAraud](#)

The argument is that the sectarian governance practiced by the Iranian influenced Iraqi PM, Nour al Maliki, created the conditions on the ground (by no longer paying Sunni "awakening forces") made it fertile ground for Sunni grievances and the rise of ISIS.

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Great big picture piece on [#ISIS](#) and [#Baghdadi](#) in context of broader global jihadi movement by [@JessicaEStern](#). Especially liked "He promised his global followers a five-star jihad — to include free housing, cars, even wives."

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Oct 28
Thanks to [@gwupoe](#) Program on Extremism for the data. [#ISIS](#) in America.

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber
After the Caliph — what's next? Thoughts by former NYPD Police Commissioner, Ray Kelly and myself in the Daily News today.
[nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-ope...](#)



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Oct 28
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embracing...some as previously discussed from the DEEP program at EDNY. Glad to see that DoJ is in the quarterback here as [@_JesseMorton](#) and I suggested in [@lawfareblog lawfareblog.com/lessons-year-c...](#)

Government Leadership. In 2015, Rep. Mike McCaul, head of the House homeland security committee, [introduced a bill](#) that suggested creating a deputy assistant secretary for countering violent extremism within DHS to lead and coordinate government CVE efforts. While we agree that there needs to be a "quarterback" for the whole-of-government effort, we believe that it would be more effective to place this "CVE czar" in the Department of Justice. If pre-criminal intervention and recidivism reduction programs are implemented, Justice Department agencies would have to fill vital functional roles, including the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, the FBI, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services. Many of these offices are already involved in CVE efforts.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Oct 24

Good catch [@SeamusHughes](#). This is essentially the DEEP program that EDNY created and pioneered here in NYC. EDNY's Seth Du Charme created it and now works for Barr at Main Justice. His baby. See WSJ article [wsj.com/articles/forme...](#)

Program On Extremism [@gwupoe](#)

DOJ is implementing a new program nationwide that they piloted in EDNY district. [twitter.com/SeamusHughes/s...](#)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Oct 23

"Latest ADL Data: At Least 12 White Supremacists Arrested for Plots, Attacks & Threats Against Jewish Community Since the Deadly Pittsburgh Shooting"

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

[adl.org/news/press-rel...](#) [twitter.com/MitchSilber/st...](#)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Oct 23

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

Great and critical work by [@ADL's Center on Extremism](#) to address the "new emerging focal point of the extreme-right wing terror threat to Jews in the West -- in the U.S. [twitter.com/MitchSilber/st...](#)



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Oct 21

Replying to @HomelandDems

Yes — "The United States has become a new, emerging focal point of the extreme right-wing terror threat to Jews in the West. @CTCWP May/June 2019

However, what may be the most striking findings from this analysis are that, first, Europe has become the focal point of the jihadi terror threat to Jews in the West and second, the United States has become a new, emerging focal point of the extreme right-wing terror threat to Jews in the West. To be clear, these findings do not mean there is not a jihadi threat to Jews in the United States. Yet, it is plausible that since the U.S. intelligence community and law enforcement have been so seized by the jihadi threat since 9/11, it has been more effectively suppressed than the extreme-right threat, which has not received similar resources. In Europe, the volume of the jihadi threat, evidenced by the 5,000 Islamic State-linked European foreign fighters, is much more difficult to suppress, resulting in more successful attacks in Europe and more deadly attacks on Jews. Similarly, in the United States, it would be incorrect to conclude that there is no threat to Jews from the extreme-right to Jews. But, it is possible that the United States, as a result of "white genocide" theory, the Great Replacement, and the rise of Jews as fellow victims, rather than enablers of white extremism, has moderated it. [CTC](#)

U.S. Attacks Against Jewish Targets in the West (2012-2019): The Atlantic Divide Between European and American Attackers

of 2012-2019 has seen a number of deadly attacks and plots against Jews and Jewish targets in the United States. However, in spite of this deadly anti-Semitic violence on the Atlantic (compared to the decade 2000-2011), some common threads have emerged that may help explain the two phenomena in the United States. While the salience of terrorist violence is never simple, a comparison of key jihadi and extreme-right ideologies in the United States and Europe, it would be incorrect to conclude that there is no threat to Jews from the extreme-right to Jews. But, it is possible that the United States, as a result of "white genocide" theory, the Great Replacement, and the rise of Jews as fellow victims, rather than enablers of white extremism, has moderated it. [CTC](#)

United States, these doctrinal tenets have been an effect with a frequency of success that is a sharp contrast to the previous decade, 2001 to 2011. Although during the attacks of September 11, 2001, al-Qaeda and other jihadi groups reiterated their animosity toward Jews and Israel, there were no attacks launched by jihadis against these targets in Europe and 2011. Now, that has changed, coincident with the rise of Islamic State and a new wave of jihadi violence. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Atlantic, across the Atlantic, at a much broader level, we have seen a decade-long phenomenon of extreme-right attacks on immigrants and ethnic/religious minorities in the United States. However, it was only in October 2018 we saw the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh casualties of this recent, broader trend in the United States. In May 2019 a senior FBI official was observing a significant rise in the number of domestic terrorism cases and that the current year was on track to match or exceed levels of 2017 and 2018. This article will seek to explore the doctrinal tenets of Jews both in Europe and the United States.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Oct 20

The last thing CVE in the U.S. needs is "formers" fighting among themselves. Unfortunately, there is more need for intervention than we have credible "formers". I know there is history and nobody is pure, but let's try and move beyond it. Let's stay positive.

Light Upon Light @lightuponlight

Replying to @jamesej @cpicciolini

We've been up and running and actually doing prevention, intervention, counter narrative and deradicalization work at levels never before witnessed in the U.S. @mitschsilber former dir. of intelligence at NYPD is our CEO. We are an organization not an individual.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Oct 18

I reached out to her directly over email...no response.

Ryan B. Greer @Ryan_B_Greer

Replying to @realNateSnyder @BaconTribe @motherboard

Vanessa - I'm happy to talk to you via phone if you'll consider a retraction. Here are some thoughts about how dangerously inaccurate it is - twitter.com/ryan_b_greer/s...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Oct 18

100 percent agree @Ryan_B_Greer "factually inaccurate"



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Oct 4

If text is accurate, it reinforces a saying of Marc Sageman -- "You can't fight the jihad and your wife" (ie. spouse was onboard for attack)

Atle Mesøy @Mesoy640

This demonstrates there is more to the case than meets the eye.
#ParisAttack #SMS #Terrorism [twitter.com/OlivierGuitta/...](https://twitter.com/OlivierGuitta/)



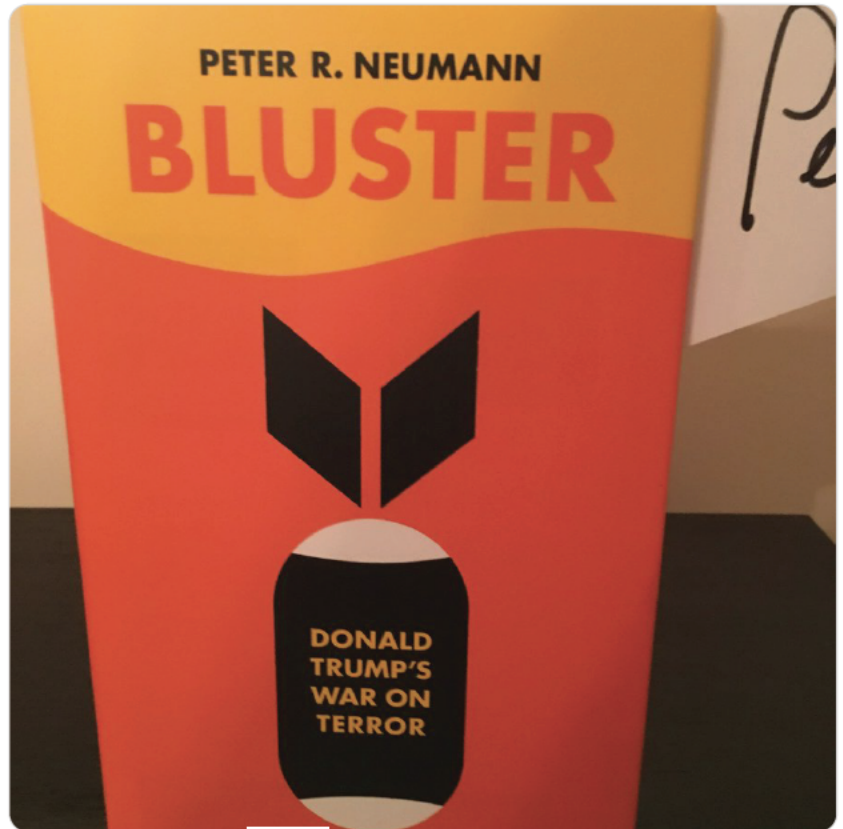
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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Oct 4

Thanks @PeterRNeumann for what I am sure will be a fascinating read.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Sep 24

And the most Overlooked al-Qaeda Group Overall (IMO)...glad you are covering it.

Aaron Y. Zelin @azelin

Huras al-Din: The Overlooked al-Qaeda Group in Syria - Aaron Y. Zelin (@azelin), @WashInstitute: bit.ly/2kSrOuD



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It looks like the FBI recruited Samer el Debek, [justice.gov/opa/press-rele...](https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-rele...), another IJO member to be a source (cooperating witness CW-1) vs. this newest arrest, Ali Hassan Saab. The CW-1 (el Debek) had explosives training and travelled to Panama/Thailand. See below. Great work. twitter.com/Levitt_Matt/st...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Sep 19

The criminal complaint is definitely worth a read: [justice.gov/opa/press-rele...](https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-rele...)

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Hezbollah ❤️ NYC [twitter.com/michaeldweiss/...](https://twitter.com/michaeldweiss/)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Sep 19

Hezbollah ❤️ NYC

Michael Weiss @michaeldweiss

Hezbollah Scout Was Looking for Attack Targets in NYC: Feds
[nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Hez...](https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Hez...)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Sep 17

The "mental health" defense worked for the killer of Sarah Halimi in Paris (after three evaluations).

Graham Macklin @macklin_gd

Stabber of Jews in Amsterdam says he forgot why he assaulted them
jpost.com/Diaspora/Stabb...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Sep 12

Thank you @jasonwalters85 and Bryant Neal Vinas for sharing your very personal stories in Ahul Taqwa. Issue #2. #CVE



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Sep 10

On the eve of the 18th anniversary of #9/11 [@JMFreespeech](#) details an unappreciated and under-reported operational tempo of ISIS and Al Qaeda inspired plots in New York City (just this summer). Failed/thwarted plots don't make headlines, but they do speak to the underlying threat

Target: New York

According to an NYPD intelligence estimate published last October, nine terrorist plots or attacks targeted New York City between 2001 and 2009. Since 2009, a total of 19 attacks were formulated—11 since ISIS declared a caliphate in 2014. The report notes that 13 of the 14 lone-actor terrorist attacks or plots in New York City have involved “Salafi-jihadist violent extremists.” The study predicts “with high confidence” that both trends—an acceleration in the rate of plots and attacks and the increasing dominance of lone actors inspired, but not directed by, foreign and domestic extremist organizations—“will continue over the next four years.”

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Sep 10
And yes, we should listen to “formers”.

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@kgilsinan has written a thoughtful and well researched piece on the emerging “formers” #cve scene in the US—The Risks of Former Extremists Fighting Extremism - The Atlantic theatlantic.com/politics/archi...



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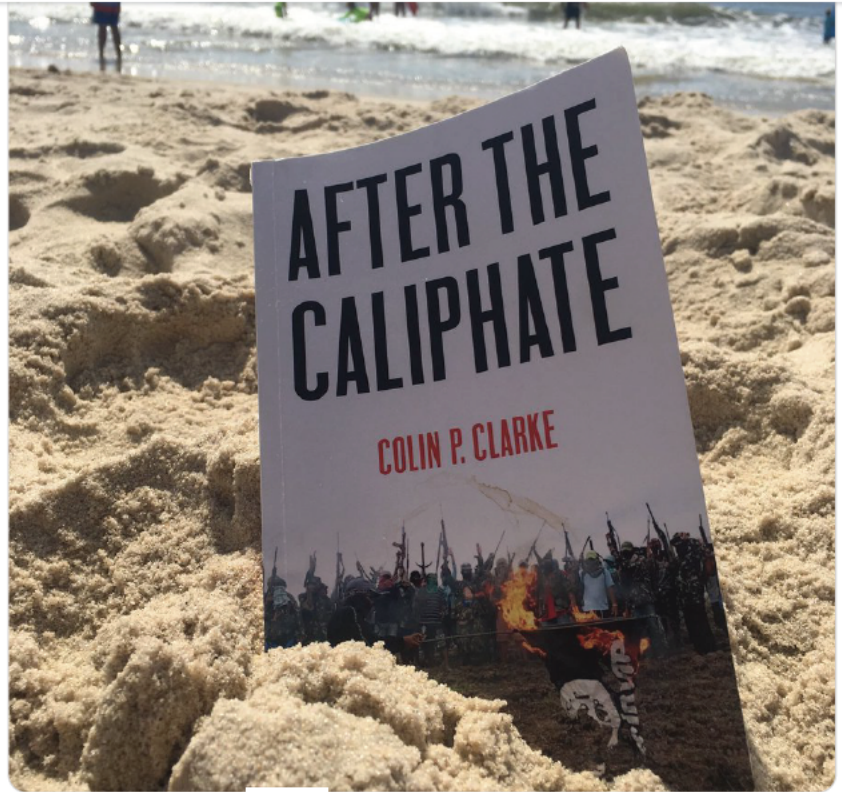


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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Aug 6

It is too generic/non-specific... "White Supremacist terrorism" gets at what mobilizes these terrorists. Same idea why "Islamist terrorism" is much more accurate than "Islamic terrorism". The ideology, rather than the demographic/religious group of origin=adjective. @Max_Fisher twitter.com/fisher_birch/s...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Aug 4

Unfortunately, it appears that the terrorist in #elpasoshooter was motivated/radicalized by the same ideology that mobilized the #TreeofLife terrorist, Robert Bowers. Ideology matters.

Most importantly, Bowers' rage was fueled by white nationalist preoccupation on the caravan of Central Americans moving through Mexico, and he expressed anger that a nonprofit Jewish organization was helping refugees settle in the United States. A week before the attack, Bowers highlighted a demonizing term for asylum seekers, posting on Gab that he "noticed a change in people saying 'illegals' that now say 'invaders'—I like this."¹⁰⁴ And then, "in what appeared to be his final social media post hours before the attack, [Bowers] wrote, 'I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I'm going in.'"¹⁰⁵ It appears Bowers viewed his role as a defender of his people in this "cosmic war" and that the extinction of the white race was at stake.

According to the criminal complaint, even after being arrested, Bowers expressed to the police "that he wanted all Jews to die" and that "[Jews] were committing genocide to his people." It seems Bowers saw Jews as the most urgent threat to the white race because as viewed from his echo chamber on Gab, they were responsible for the deliberate importation of non-white people. Bowers' alleged targeting of the Tree of Life was likely driven by his belief that his race was facing an immediate and mortal threat, which he could only fend off with violence.¹⁰⁶



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First on CNN: Intel indicates al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri has potentially serious heart complaint, official says (my just published report also includes key new details on Hamza bin Laden's recent whereabouts) cnn.com/2019/08/01/pol...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Aug 1

Great stuff! Thanks for sharing.

J.M. BERGER @intelwire

Full doc: Intel on Anwar Awlaki obtained through the interrogation of al Shabaab member Abdelkadir Warsame. Includes what I believe are new details on several topics including Shabaab/AQ/AQAP relationships, Awlaki's role in the parcel bombs plot, and more archive.org/details/foiade...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Aug 1

"The top tier of commanders in al-Qaida are ageing. With Hamza gone and no obvious younger figures who could play a unifying role, it is possible that the central leadership could disappear in a few years."

theguardian.com/world/2019/aug...

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

Thoughts on next future leader of AQ Core? Is there anyone of any substance left on the bench? @hoffman_bruce @ColinPClarke @Ali_H_Soufan @CruickshankPaul @ColinPClarke @thomasjoscelyn @NicholasRasmu15 @Hegghammer @SethGJones ...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

Replying to @dbyman @BrookingsInst

Definitely agree HBL's appeal to al-Qaida as a future leader was based on symbolism: unique lineage and the demographic he might appeal to, as opposed to operational experience...question is, if he truly has been removed from the battlefield, who comes after al-Zawahiri?



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Aug 1



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jul 29

Big fan of "From Dawah to Jihad (2005)". It was way ahead of all of the Western intel agencies on understanding jihadist radicalization to violence. [#aivd](#)

Mubin Shaikh @MrMubinShaikh

Alternatively, from, "From Dawah to Jihad (2005) to, 15yrs of jihadist attacks in the West," almost 15 yrs later, by the same authors. ;)
twitter.com/AIVD/status/11...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jul 22

Excellent article. Especially useful in the American ambit, where relative to Europe, few have traveled overseas and many more homegrown jihadists have plotted at home.

Robin Simcox @RobinSimcox

The article analyses various factors, including how soon the plots were launched after an attempt to travel failed; the presence of converts; what countries were targeted; how sophisticated the plots were; what the role of ISIS was; and more.

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jul 11

"We want to hit the Al-Muhajiroun audience right in the face." The covert campaign to take the fight to jihadi wannabe's in the West, online on the Telegram battlefield. Made possible by "digital undercovers" and hunters.

metro.co.uk/2019/07/11/ins... @Parallel_Net @FightExtremism



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jul 8

Replying to [@TheSteinLine](#) [@NYTSports](#)

Maybe the analogy is the NBA is just one big "pick-up game" where team leaders pick their squads based on who their friends are and who they want on their team so they can win...and its changeable annually.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 24

We've spent a year working in [#CVE](#) trying to make some headway with the federal government and a variety of its constituent agencies. Some of findings below thanks to [@lawfareblog](#) and [@dbyman](#). Some "Lessons From a Year in the CVE Trenches"

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shot down the drone

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 19

Replying to @MrMubinShaikh

Even cousins squabble...lots of similarities in ritual and shared beliefs...This was one of the points we tried to make with @AhulTaqwa magazine and the article on Al Andalus in [scribd.com/document/41204...](https://www.scribd.com/document/41204...)

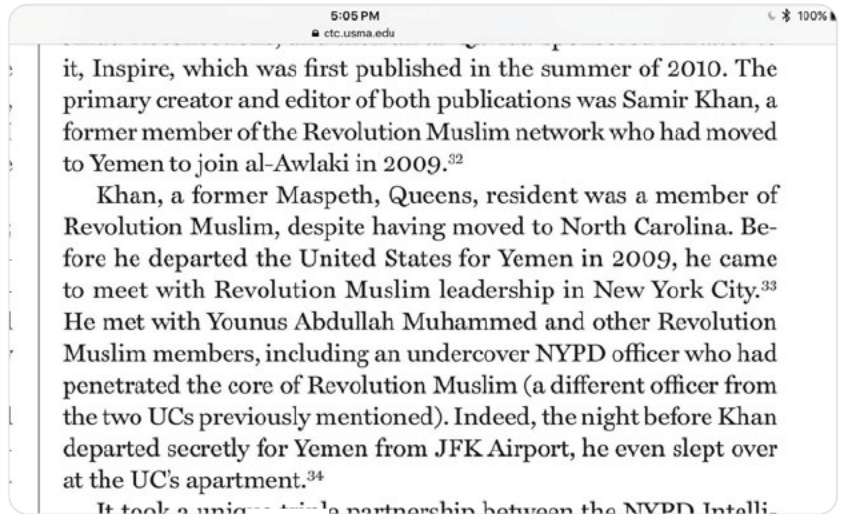


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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 18

@JasonLeopold -- we know how Samir Khan left the U.S.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 18

"As we have previously reported, more terrorists are being released from custody [in the U.S] with no viable de-radicalization program or monitoring system in place."

See @PTDunleavy's latest piece about the situations in the U.K. vs. U.S. prison systems.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jun 18
Former Jihadi [@_JesseMorton](#) and Former CounterTerrorism Official Launch Counter-Jihadi Magazine.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jun 13
Thank you [@ADL](#) for making terrorism researchers' work easier with your excellent compilation of data and analysis.



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 **BREAKING** 
ADL's Center on Extremism has released its annual analysis on domestic Islamist extremism, analyzing the plots, attacks and ideologies we saw in 2018 -- and so...

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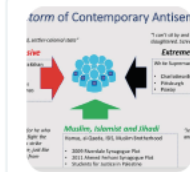


Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jun 6
Replying to [@MikeBalsamo1](#) [@etuckerAP](#)
Some complementary material relevant to extreme right wing extremism in the U.S. etc. usmc.edu/terrorist-atta

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 6

More on [#Antisemitism](#) in NYC here [@Tom_Winter nbcnews.com/news/crime-cou....](#) It would be helpful to know where the attacks are taking place, who is responsible (demographics) and their motivations.

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber

Strong points [@jpodhoretz](#) here: [nypost.com/2019/06/05/de-....](#) Guardian Group's perspective -- if you don't discuss all three types of anti Semitism: Islamist, Right Wing and Left Wing you are...

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A Perfect Storm of Contemporary Antisemitism

"Israel is a racist, apartheid, settler-colonial state"

Ultra Progressive

BDS, Women's March, Farrakkhan

- Ilan Omar comments
- SJP on college campuses
- Corbyn support for Hamas
- Intersectionality

"I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I'm going in"

Extreme Right

White Supremacists, Neo Nazis

- Charlottesville
- Pittsburgh
- Poway

"Today there is no room for he who says that we should only fight the Jews in Palestine.... Let us strike their interests everywhere, just like they gathered against us from everywhere."

Muslim, Islamist and Jihadi

Hamas, al-Qaeda, ISIS, Muslim Brotherhood

- 2009 Riverdale Synagogue Plot
- 2011 Ahmed Ferhani Synagogue Plot
- Students for Justice in Palestine

"Jews are the enemies of Muslim and they should fear Allah"

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 5

Nothing says summer beach reading on the south shore of Long Island like "After the Caliphate". Thanks [@ColinPClarke](#) — looking forward to reading...





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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 5

"The Federal Bureau of Prisons estimates it will release 112 inmates with convictions relating terrorism between 2015 and 2020, with an additional 100 releases between 2021 and 2031" Hello Congress?

njjhomelandsecurity.gov/media/podcast-... ... @NJOHSP @JesseMorton @fightextremism #johnwalkerlindh

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 4

And France unfortunately 74% in 2018.

Gérard Araud @GerardAraud

Unfortunately, no country is spared. The antisemitic hate crimes have increased in the US by 37% in 2018. twitter.com/KenWeinstein/s...

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 4

@AhulTaqwa

"What we would want to achieve is to engage with people in the chat rooms but also to let ISIS know we have infiltrated



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 4

Spanish al Andalusia is the ideal Islamic State, not #ISIS Caliphate

**Light Upon Light** @lighttuponlight

@_JesseMorton presents at an NYC mosque Light Upon Light's Dialogue of Civilization paradigm. This lecture covers the tolerance of Muslim/Christian/Judaic Spain and its corollaries to our own time:



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 4

Even dumb terrorists can be deadly...see @DrMichaelKenney

Raffaello Pantucci @raffpantucci

Terror police didn't think London Bridge killer was capable of attack

thetimes.co.uk/article/7c3577...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 4

Please see my friend, former AlQaeda propagandist, @_JesseMorton's OpEd in the @WSJ : I once created an online magazine to recruit jihadists. Now I'm using the same template to deradicalize them, writes Jesse Morton.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jun 4

Replying to @borealissaves



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we've been announcing the impending release of a new Islamic E-zine called Ahul Taqwa for the past week.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jun 3

Yes, there are extremists in the movement. You don't know if "settlers" were even there. We do know 120 Jewish/Israeli pilgrims came to celebrate Jewish sovereignty on the Temple Mount. That's not extremism. As a former intel guy you should know not to rely on Al Jazeera.

Phil Gurski @borealissaves

Replying to @MitchSilber

Mitch: you know as well as I do my friend that there are extremists, including violent ones, in the Israeli settler movement. This is provocation at a minimum and a desire to cause violence at a maximum.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jun 2

What's the extremism part? June 1-2 is Jerusalem Day in Israel commemorating the unification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six War. Some Israelis commemorate it by visiting the holiest place in their religion where the Jewish Temple once stood. Politically charged during Ramadan— sure.

Phil Gurski @borealissaves

A good example of Jewish extremism: hundreds of ultra-nationalist Jews guarded by riot police stream into Al Aqsa compound, sparking violence aljazeera.com/news/2019/06/i...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · May 31

Thanks Aaron

Aaron Y. Zelin @azelin

.@Jihadology_Net Articles of the Week – 5/25-5/31

jihadology.net/2019/05/31/art... Featuring @Minalami @AbuJamajem

@AmarAmarasingam @MitchSilber @haroro_ingram @CraigAWhiteside

@charliewinter @SannekeKuipers @hahellyer, among many others.



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · May 30

@SethGJones notes, AQ and ISIS inspired individuals with marginal links to the groups have been responsible for much of the jihadist threat in recent years. I discuss a few of these cases in greater detail in @CTCWP Sentinel [#European](#) [#antisemitism](#) ctc.usma.edu/terrorist-atta...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 30

Yes. Moreover, in Europe, the primary deadly terrorist threat that Jewish populations face has come from individuals motivated and linked to jihadist groups (al Qaeda and ISIS). [#European](#) [#antisemitism](#) I explain in this month's edition of [@CTCWP](#) ctc.usma.edu/terrorist-atta...

Jonathan S. Tobin @jonathans_tobin

Why it's a mistake to blame the surge of [#European](#) [#antisemitism](#) on right wing [#populists](#). I explain in [@NRO](#). bit.ly/2JLPImi



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 29

Thanks Oren...I learned a lot about RWX from you and [@ADL](#) as part of this research.

Oren Segal @orenssegal

[@MitchSilber](#) does it again in the [@CTCWP](#) Sentinel - he shines a light on the threats targeting the Jewish community on both sides of the Atlantic while reminding readers that violent anti-Semitism is not limited to any one extremist movement. twitter.com/CTCWP/status/1...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 29

Replying to [@intelwire](#) [@CTCWP](#) and 6 others

In honor of [@AmarAmarasingam](#) and Toronto/NBA finals, I am looking to slot in at the power forward spot. [@brianMJenkins](#) has got to be our player/coach...I am thinking he plays center...not sure if [@charliewinter](#) has picked it up the game since his stint in the U.S. Suggestions?



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 29

Replying to [@stewartain](#) [@NYJewishWeek](#)

Some more information to consider on Europe vs. US on this issue here: ctc.usma.edu/terrorist-atta...

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 29

Replying to [@RobinSimcox](#)

In 2007, I had an opportunity to interview Saudi's captured in Afghanistan after 9/11 and enrolled in the Saudi de-rad program outside Riyadh. They said similar things...was just in Afghanistan to buy a car and low and behold...next thing you know...NorthernAlliance sells me out



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 29



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 29

A very big thank you to @CTCWP @CruickshankPaul @KristinaKHummel for all of their wise advice, guidance and editorial help on a challenging piece.
ctc.usma.edu/terrorist-atta...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 27

Interesting find...

**AhulTaqwa** @AhulTaqwa

Ramadan Mubarak! Oh, muwahideen first edition of #AhulTaqwa new mag from Ansar A-Dawla coming soon to substitute Dabiq & Rumiya in'sha'Allah. It is our obligation to spread the haqq #baqqiyah.

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 24

Replying to @JessicaEStern @MoustafaAyad and 2 others

We (Parallel Networks) @_JesseMorton reached out to JWL a number of times while he was in prison to explore if he were game to discuss his worldview and consider a different viewpoint, but he rebuffed all the inquiries.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 23

Congrats Bruce!! Best of luck.

**Bruce Hoffman** @hoffman_bruce

Announcing The Hoffman Group: uniquely addressing the educational, operational and leadership needs of law enforcement, corporate & private security, the intelligence community, and the military. See our new web site at: ...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 23

Replying to @RepMaxRose @DHSgov

of terror plots vs. U.S. involving terrorists crossing the U.S./Mexico border:
ZERO

of terror plots vs. NYC since 9/11: THIRTY

Re-allocating funds makes perfect sense...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 22

I'd say DEFINITELY better prepared...and they are dealing with it right now with a program that is somewhat cloaked, but handling far bigger numbers of "formers",



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Top Latest People Photos Videos News Broadcasts**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 22

Replying to @PTDunleavy

Where does the list begin...Congress, DHS, DoJ, BoP, U.S. Probations are a few that have not mobilized sufficiently on this issue. Policymakers are reactive...they will be "right of boom" unfortunately.

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 22

Replying to @TheSoufanCenter

"May have missed its opportunity?" Huh? Free Syrian Army and 2011 calling...hello? Or any time before the Russian intervention in 2015.

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 22

"We have a number of high-level extremist offenders that are coming out of institutions now...As a country, as a system, we're not prepared to the level that we should be to accommodate these cases." -- Kevin Lowry, former chief U.S. probation officer for district of Minnesota

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

John Walker Lindh was the first American to face charges related to the War on Terror. Dozens have followed—and they will return to a society unequipped to deal with them, @kgilsinan reports
theatlantic.com/politics/archi...

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NGO with tailored capabilities.

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 19

Replying to @MitchSilber @dbyman

2) It illuminates both the well known and less well known overseas jihadist battlefields, from Afghanistan to Syria and everything in between and simultaneously provides a detailed study of how the phenomenon of foreign fighters affects these conflicts. It is a must read.

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 19

Replying to @dbyman

1) Thank you, Dan, it was a treat and honor to read an advance copy of your superb new book. I highly recommend Road Warriors...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 17

Coming soon, the originator of online jihadi magazines will be taking the template back...stay tuned.

**Oren Segal** @orensegal

Samir Khan is crowd
propaganda efforts to
readers to contribute

10:44 PM · Jan 21, 2011 · [Twitter](#)**Oren Segal** @orensegal

Not surprisingly, my first tweet - in January 2011 (3 years after joining Twitter) - was about extremism online. The more things change... 🙌 #MyFirstTweet

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 15

Replying to @jseldin @ErinSaltman

AI algorithms are not sufficient; to blame failure on them is a cop out. Human experts in extremism need to be utilized.

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 14

One word..."Dolan"

Colin P. Clarke @ColinPClarke

Replying to @MitchSilber

Nice to know there are other long-suffering Knicks fans out there 🏀

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 13

Lots of "Zionists" in NYC, I hear...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 6

3) Clearly ISIS acolytes, ideas and trainees are deadly— maybe even more so than we thought post end of the physical Caliphate.



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[Show this thread](#)**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 6

2) Within 24-48 hours after Sri Lanka many were ready to comment on what the attacks say about the potency of ISIS, the terrorist organization—operationally. Now that we know what really happened, unclear what it says about their operational potency.



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[Show this thread](#)**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · May 6

1) The tendency out there for analysts/journalists is to “mirror image”. States run operations top down, so much easier to imagine terrorist orgs doing the same. With terrorist groups like AQ and ISIS, top down, command and control plots are the exception. Inspired dominates.

Robin Simcox @RobinSimcox

Surprised to read this. With the scale of the attack, and NTJ's priors being so low-level, I certainly suspected there to have been some external guidance. twitter.com/raffpantucci/s...



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[Show this thread](#)**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 30

The terrorist haven nobody has been talking about...but should be.

Ryan Browne @rabrowne75

Deputy Assistant Sec. Def. for the Middle East Mulroy on Syria: "Idlib is essentially the largest collection of al Qaeda affiliates in the world right now, we have very limited insights as to what's going on, it is, to your question, something we worry about a great deal."



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 25

Key point -- "For those terrorists the best response is for knowledgeable Islamic clerics to dissuade them, or for defectors from jihadist groups to explain that killing innocents will not create the Islamist utopia that they yearn for." This is one way "formers" can be useful.

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

@peterbergencnn suggests a CVE strategy that has unfortunately not been embraced in the U.S. yet in "What explains rich-kid terrorists" @CNN



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**What explains rich-kid terrorists**

Why would well-educated, upper-middle-class folks with seemingly everything to live for blow themselves up and kill so many innocents? Exp...

cnn.com



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 24

"Directed" means "command and control" -- central org "commands" and determines timing, target etc... and asserts "control" by issue orders to the operators on the ground. Flag pictures do not mean "directed"

Sebastian Bott @bott_sebastian

Replying to @bott_sebastian @levijwest and 2 others

The point is also that if you claim that a plot is "directed" There should be something else than the leadership knowing some folks within it's organisation are plotting, or 8 guys Posting in front of an ISIS flag

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 24

Fair point -- at least in my conception of "inspired", the local group sees some benefit in linking its operation to another more global, higher profile terrorist group, despite an absence of operational, financial, training links. (ie. the use of the ISIS flag and bayat to ISIS)

Sebastian Bott @bott_sebastian

Replying to @bott_sebastian @MitchSilber

The problem I see with the "inspired" category is that it's ignoring local groups, local aims, local reasons for radicalization while making a organization like ISIS larger and more powerful than it actually is.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 23

So the #srilanka scenarios are 1) ISIS directed (but from where?) 2) ISIS inspired



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 23

If inspired, it is an echo of the argument that the Madrid 2004 attack similarly demolished with Al Qaeda and the threat of directed vs. inspired. Besides 9/11, it was AQ's most deadly attack (191 dead) – yet not directed by AQ Central. Inspired terrorists can be very deadly

Rukmini Callimachi @rcallimachi

I just realized: If the Sri Lanka attack is inspired by ISIS and nothing more, it would mean that the most deadly of ISIS' attacks was an inspired one. Blows a hole through the oh-if-it's-inspired-it's-not-a-big-deal school of thought. Sri Lanka's death toll already 2x Paris

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 18

Diabolically creative!!

Robin Simcox @RobinSimcox

Some new details here on ISIS' failed aviation plot from 2017 and the role played by Basil Hassan, a Danish terrorist, in its planning.
[twitter.com/MagnusRanstorp...](https://twitter.com/MagnusRanstorp)

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 12

Why "designated areas" vs. "designated groups"?

Raffaello Pantucci @raffpantucci

Law to curb threat of UK 'foreign fighters'
digitaledition.telegraph.co.uk/editions/editi...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 12

Was there a demonstrable@Iranian/IRGC/Qods Force response against the U.S. in response to the 2007 designation of Qods Force. Can't seem to find any evidence of that and that should inform our expectations here with IRGC.

Omer Carmi @CarmiOmer

I disagree with @ColinPClarke piece for @ForeignPolicy "IRGC Are Ready to Strike Back".

As I wrote @WashInstitute, #Iran has repeatedly avoided precipitous responses to sanctions, and will be more risk-averse due to its flood...

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IN NYC. Previously, Masjid Al Fakhri recruited Muslim men recently released from prison to provide security for NYCHA. It ended in arrests for several of the guards for robberies and homicide [twitter.com/BenjiBaird/sta...](https://twitter.com/BenjiBaird/status/1128123456)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 11

3) Assad and [#Syria](#) the exception to the rule, but only because of Iranian and Russian regime support.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 11

2) Does patronage among each of the respective royal families make them less brittle, does monarchy make them more legitimate among their citizenry? Other?



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 11

1) Why do Arab monarchies ([#Jordan](#), [#Saudi](#), [#Emirates](#), [#Oman](#), [#Morocco](#)) continue to survive the "Arab Spring" while the strongman of the Mukhabarat states ([#Tunisia](#), [#Yemen](#), [#Egypt](#) [Mubarak], [#Libya](#) and now [#Algeria](#) and [#Sudan](#)) fail.

Liz Sly @LizSly

Syria's Assad is now the second longest serving president in the Arab world (though he's technically not in the Arab League)
[twitter.com/ThomasPierre/...](https://twitter.com/ThomasPierre/status/1128123456)



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 10

The slick Hollywood-style cinematics are obvious for all to see.

Mubin Shaikh @MrMubinShaikh

Replying to @MitchSilber

Here's their actual recording, complete with jihadi nasheed editing:
youtube.com/watch?v=G99EVI...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Apr 10

A few weeks ago I got a private preview of the exhibit and saw some other elements of your exhibit that you may not be aware of. Not only do they have your actual Tim Horton's cup, but they also have a 4D VR experience of the subzero paintball up in Washago with the T18 guys.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 10

3) @jasonwalters85, welcome to @lighttuponlight. Good to have you on board.

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

2) Dutch Intel #AIVD & police #KLPD introduced us to Jason Walters, by showing us video of him throwing a grenade at the Dutch authorities to prevent his arrest. Never would have believed that 14 years later we would be working together to counter violent extremism. [twitter.com/MitchSilber/st...](https://twitter.com/MitchSilber/status/1128123456)



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

1) In 2005, a team from NYPD Intel went to the Netherlands to better understand the #HofstadGroup and its assassination of Theo van Gogh in broad daylight in Amsterdam by one of its members. It was the beginning of our understanding of homegrown terrorism in 2005. ...



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Jesse Morton @_JesseMorton

#Jihadism is a transnational threat. So we're honored to move our presence into #Europe as well. More #Shapeshifters coming soon [twitter.com/lighttuponligh...](https://twitter.com/lighttuponlight)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Apr 9

Replying to @Ali_H_Soufan

Not sure I get this element of the critique of the move – that U.S. should fear that the Iranians will designate the U.S. military a terrorist organization??? IRGC armed militias in Iraq already killed 603 U.S. servicemen with out declaring the U.S. military a terrorist org.

The Pentagon is upping the official estimate on the number of U.S. troops in Iraq who were killed by Iranian-backed militias, now putting that number at at least 603.

Officials previously said that Iran was linked to the deaths of roughly 500 troops.

That means roughly one in every six American combat fatalities in Iraq were attributable to Iran



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rocket-propelled grenades (RPG), small-arms, sniper, and other attacks in Iraq," Robertson said.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Mar 28

There seems to be a rampant outbreak of Jihadi Terrorism Analyst Guilt Syndrome

#JTAGS since Christchurch, but wise advice here...

Nicholas Rasmussen @NicholasRasmu15

Terrorism tied to far right ideologies is not repeat not "the same" as the jihadist strain of terror. Lots of differences. But we'd be crazy not to learn lessons from our experience with the latter as we struggle to respond to the current uptick in the former.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Mar 25

The question is – what are the best ways for the "leakage" to be detected. HUMINT is vital, collected by police, intel services, but creating a non-law enforcement conduit (ie. 24/7 helpline) could be useful if detected at an early stage of radicalization (pre-operational).

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

Important article by @StewGlobal, "Most terrorists make known what they are up to: What are the signs?" Turns out that "According to the RCMP, terrorists "always go through phases of radicalization and planning of their violent actions." Amen. globalnews.ca/news/5065612/n...



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Most terrorists make known what they are up to: W...

The alleged Christchurch, New Zealand, gunman radicalized, acquired firearms and ammunition, practised at a shooting range and wrote a manifesto. How did it... globalnews.ca



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Mar 22

Replying to @PTDunleavy @NYPD @CityJournal

All police forces need to know the demographics of the communities they serve. Its just good policing.



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houses of worship.
city-journal.org

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Mar 19

Replying to @jgeltzer @Jason_Blazakis @lawfareblog
Helpful article. Thx

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Mar 19

Strong argument. What about proscribing domestic terrorist groups to parallel the way foreign terrorist groups are proscribed, so that membership in that group (ie. KKK) is means for investigation and prosecution? @jgeltzer

Nicholas Rasmussen @NicholasRasmu15

Posted today and written in collaboration with my friends and colleagues Mary McCord and Josh Geltzer.

The Christchurch Shooting: Domestic Terrorism Goes International ...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Mar 15

In the March edition of @CTCWP Sentinel, I'll share some research and findings about the desire of some lone actors to "copycat" terrorist actions for fame as a "mobilization factor" among a number of recent cases. Torrent wants his acts to be emulated by others.

Doug Weeks @dmw363

Torant's manifesto shows the darkness of far right terrorism. He includes the following "To show the effect of direct action, lighting a path forward for those that wish to follow...to be a beacon for those that wish to create a lasting culture, to tell them they are not alone."

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Mar 11

3) We don't know. After all, ISIS didn't call for attacks on Europe until the following September of 2014. To be discussed in upcoming March 2019 @CTCWP Sentinel.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Mar 11

2) And we know he had a 24 minute phone call with Abaaoud on his circuitous trip back to Europe. But was his attack directed by ISIS?



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**Program On Extremism** @gwupoe

Mehdi Nemmouche sentenced to life in prison for the 2014 attack against the Brussels Jewish Museum, arguably the first ISIS-linked attack in Europe

huffingtonpost.fr/2019/03/11/meh...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Mar 11

But yet, still somewhat of a mystery as to what Al Qaeda Core's role actually was..."Command and Control", "Suggested/Endorsed" or only "Inspired".

Colin P. Clarke @ColinPClarke

Even fifteen years later, the 2004 Madrid train bombings are still considered one of al-Qaeda's hallmark attacks. thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-the...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Mar 8

At a Saudi derad center outside Riyadh in 2008 @peterbergencnn, myself and number of Western journalists and intel people met Saudis who were picked up in/near battlefields in Afghanistan and Iraq and were being rehabilitated. They were all "cooks" too.

**Richard Engel** @RichardEngel

Surrendeing ISIS men tell me, they were just cooks, cleaners and bottlewashers. I said "with so many cooks you must have had great food." Got No laughs.

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Mar 8

@geoffdporter and NARCO should be your "go to" sources on all things Algeria.

Geoff D. Porter @geoffdporter

Political Instability in #Algeria

NARCO with @CFR_org

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Mar 4

Replying to @mdubowitz

Puppets look straight out of Borat's "Running of the Jew" except Kazakhstan



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3) "The United States can serve as an example for its allies — bring back the Americans who joined the Islamic State and let the American legal system do its work."



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2) "...arrest, full cooperation, contrition and the promise of rehabilitation can be a viable pathway forward for those Western foreign fighters who do not have "blood on their hands" and are willing to admit they made mistakes and are ready to atone for them in prison."



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1) Bryant Neal Vinas, the first American foreign fighter for al Qaeda after 9/11, had decided to weigh in on what to do with Western foreign fighters captured in Syria in an OpEd in [@nytopinion](#) here:



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Minneapolis has the only functioning American [#PVE](#) /[#CVE](#) initiative out there. Melissa Salyk-Virk has studied it first-hand. PVE/CVE can work, but requires local initiatives with their own legitimacy and programs must not be seen as too linked to Washington or to law enforcement



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Very insightful, informative and thought provoking piece by [@Levitt_Matt](#) and [@azelin](#) on what to do with Western foreign fighters who are being captured in Syria.

Matthew Levitt @Levitt_Matt

Repatriating Western Jihadists: The Impact of U.S. Syria Policy - my latest with [@azelin](#) [@WashInstitute](#) washingtinsonstitute.org/policy-analysisi...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Feb 26

And if so, what are the criteria to use to make the decision – total ownership and contrition for one's acts, full cooperation with law enforcement and intel agencies, desire to "turn a bad thing into a good thing"? Just asking for a friend.

John Horgan @Drjohnhorgan

Should a former terrorist be allowed into witness protection?
cbsnews.com/news/bryant-vi... (h/t [@MitchSilber](#))

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3) Here is the link to the [@60Minutes](#) trailer,

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An American who joined al-Qaeda later became one of the U.S. government's most important informants in the War on Terror. For his
cbsnews.com



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will be on [@60Minutes](#) tonight telling his story. Insights here to be gleaned as Western policymakers struggle with what to do with Western volunteers who joined [#ISIS](#).

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Feb 22



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Replying to [@AmbDermer](#) [@MelBrooks](#)

It's about time someone referenced History of the World: Part I on this...

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Replying to [@MrMubinShaikh](#)



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3) For this experiment are the way that Hayat Tammim al-Sham and Haras al-Baath operating, serving as the "control group"? Keeping their Sunni jihad local -- and thus not triggering the attention of the U.S. and coalition forces?

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2) Both arguments reflect lessons Sunni jihadi groups should have learned from ISIS -- thought experiment, if ISIS didn't kill Western hostages during the summer of 2014 would the U.S. and coalition attacked them in Syria? Would ISIS still have its "local Sunni jihadi" state?



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1) @hxhassan make strong arguments in theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/... as to how the Sunni jihad is "going local" and is right in line with @KatieZimmerman's piece in the WSJ yesterday that "many Salafi-jihadi groups had learned to think locally" in



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Replying to @CruikshankPaul

Beyond "anti-Semitism" Nemmouche's exact motivation for attacking the Jewish Museum until now has been unclear. Now we know, "Nemmouche admired Toulouse jihadist Mohamed Merah" and "he dreamed of grabbing a Jewish girl by the hair and shooting her dead," like Merah did in 2012.

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It is mind bending that his material is still online. Please find [@_jessemotion](#) and my report on "Sheikh" Abdullah Faisal: Ideologue of Hate on the [@ADL](#) website



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Feb 4

Nothing else needs to be said.

Oren Segal @orensenal

"My Father Is Jewish, My Mother Is Jewish, I Am Jewish." - Daniel Pearl
murdered 17 years ago today. [twitter.com/orensegal/stat...](https://twitter.com/orensegal/status/1021000000000000000)



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jan 29

Replying to @orensegal @Enes_kanter and 2 others

Even as a Celtics fan, I am impressed by @nyknicks on this.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jan 27

Replying to @JamesKhalil1 @_JesseMorton

Thanks @JamesKhalil1



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · Jan 4

Registries will not prevent recidivism. Rehab and reentry programs would be more useful for violent extremist offenders. The terrorist next door: States consider sex-offender-style registries for released terror inmates

[fxn.ws/2LKWDKK #FoxNews](https://www.foxnews.com/terrorism/2018/05/23/terrorist-next-door-states-consider-sex-offender-style-registry-released-terror-inmates/)



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**The terrorist next door: States consider sex-offender-style registries ...**

Dozens of inmates convicted of terrorism-related crimes will be released from prison over the next five years, and lawmakers in several states think

foxnews.com



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jan 4

Time for other jurisdictions to experiment with post-prison rehabilitation and reentry programs. How Minnesota is Attempting to Combat Radicalization

How Minnesota is Attempting to Combat Radicaliz...

Abdifatah Ahmed, who travelled to join the Islamic State, posted this image on Facebook with the caption "The return of the khilaafa insha allah ." Image

risetopeace.org



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · Jan 1

Replying to @PeterRNeumann

And #tokyo may not be tied to Aum terrorism, or even terrorism. Am in Tokyo and latest from Japanese National Police is that there seems to be no relation between the attacker and Aum group. No evidence of conversion to Aum doctrine. Mental disorder leading current hypothesis.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 20 Dec 2018

@rcallimachi I hope you signed a "multi-Caliphate" deal with the podcast firm. Looking forward to CALIPHATE II— The Reckoning.

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ut.

Rukmini Callimachi @rcallimachi

From a Kurdish rebel leader fighting ISIS in northern Syria. (Hajin was the last town under ISIS control in the region.):



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 19 Dec 2018

"and was heard on calls going back three years" ????

Paul Cruickshank @CruickshankPaul

F.B.I. Wiretap Recorded Suspect on Eve of Bike Path Terror Attack

nyti.ms/2Gmh2Xq





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Sayfullo Saipov was heard on numerous wiretapped calls, including one the day before a Halloween attack that killed eight people, the defense said. nytimes.com



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 17 Dec 2018

Robin, I am still your friend after reading the piece. Great summary of where the US stands today in regards to #CVE.

Robin Simcox @RobinSimcox

Here's my latest attempt to lose friends and not influence people. Things that have bothered me for quite some time about the CVE debate find their way into this feel-good festive rant. warontherocks.com/2018/12/can-am...



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 17 Dec 2018

"De-radicalization and reintegration programs should be available to non-violent offenders."

Jesse Morton @_JesseMorton

How the U.S can Benefit from Deradicalization Programs
intpolicydigest.org/2018/12/10/how... via @intpolicydigest



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 17 Dec 2018
@_JesseMorton and I discuss the phenomenon of terrorist "formers" and the lack of programs and policy in the US today in the @NYDailyNews.
[nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-ope...](https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-ope...)



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 12 Dec 2018
What to do About Pending Release of 1 in 4 Terrorism Related Convicts:

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 10 Dec 2018
From criminal complaint: "I absolutely despise Jews always have even before being Muslim." Re: Pittsburgh shooter, he stated, "I admire what the guy did with the shooting actually." JOSEPH confided to the undercover, "I can see myself carrying out this type of operation inshallah."

Oren Segal @orensegal

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bad." JOSEPH continued, "Jews are jews none are innocent. They support israel, then theyre enemies in my book." UC-1 asked JOSEPH whether there were a lot of Jews where he lived. JOSEPH replied, "Theres like two synagogues I know of but I don't know any Jews . . . I absolutely despise Jews always have even before being Muslim." With respect to the Pittsburgh shooter, JOSEPH stated, "I admire what the guy did with the shooting actually." JOSEPH confided in UC-1 that, "I can see myself carrying out this type of operation inshallah.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 10 Dec 2018

She's no Colonel Erran Morad @ErranMorad. Now, he was able to get great access among former and current American politicians.

Matthew Levitt @Levitt_Matt

Maria Butina, Russian Accused of Trying to Influence Conservatives, Poised to Plead Guilty nyti.ms/2G9N4Ge



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 10 Dec 2018

Replying to @orensenal

A case where violent anti-Semitism and jihadi ideology meet.



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 10 Dec 2018

Where violent anti-Semitism and jihadi ideology meet.

Program On Extremism @gwupoe

'Ohio man arrested for terrorism after planning attack on synagogue' 13abc.com/content/news/B...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 7 Dec 2018

When Terrorists Come Home: The Need for Rehabilitating and Reintegrating America's Convicted Jihadists

[Inkd.in/guvj8E7](https://www.linkedin.com/company/guvj8e7)

(New York, NY) – The United States is facing a pending, pressing



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 6 Dec 2018

Thank you @RobinSimcox for hosting an engaging conversation today @Heritage

Robin Simcox @RobinSimcox

Thanks to @_JesseMorton and @MitchSilber for their great presentations. A video from today's @Heritage event can be seen here heritage.org/terrorism/even... and their new @FightExtremism paper read here: countertextremism.com/sites/default/... twitter.com/LaurenZelt/sta...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 5 Dec 2018

If helpful, a similar taxonomy I used for The Al Qaeda Factor was: Command & Control plots, Suggested/Endorsed plots and Inspired plots(no actual connectivity).

Pieter Van Ostaeyen @p_vanostaeyen

Replying to @JeanineRvz

In my idea Nice was an attack inspired by ISIS, I don't think there were actual proven links. Inspired by @selectedwisdom's categorization: directed, networked and inspired attacks

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 30 Nov 2018

According to NCTC, over the next five years, nearly 90 U.S. terror convicts will complete their imprisonment. This raises a critical and little examined question regarding U.S. CT strategy: what is being done to prepare this unique segment of the prison population for re-entry?

Jesse Morton @_JesseMorton

Join us next week for an important and much needed discussion. 'When Terrorists Come Home: Rehabilitation of America's Convicted Islamists' #Reintegration @MitchSilber
More info:

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 29 Nov 2018

@clarissaward

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@clarissaward 's reporting from France very accurately represents the situation there. Met with politicians, government officials, police, Jewish organizations, rabbis, university students, think tanks, academics and visited banlieus. See this segment: cnn.com/videos/world/2...



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How to defend against a form of violent extremism known as anti-Semitism: [lnkd.in/e-eqrFP](https://www.linkedin.com/company/e-eqrfp/)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 27 Nov 2018

Today, @_JesseMorton and I, with @ADL_National are releasing our report, "'Sheikh" Abdullah Faisal: Ideologue of Hate". Faisal provided spiritual leadership to Revolution Muslim in the US. ADL helped NYPD with the investigation of Revolution Muslim.

"Sheikh" Abdullah Faisal: Ideologue of Hate

For five years, Sheikh Faisal was the "religious sanctioner" for the foremost Islamist extremist group in the U.S., Revolution Muslim. From 2007-2011, ... [adl.org](https://www.adl.org)



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and its a great piece.

Brian Levin @proflevin

My article from ABS discusses him et al The Original Web of Hate



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February 2019 before the appellate court in Jamaica. Faisal's [@facebook](#) page, "Authentic Tauheed" is still online and spewing violent extremism. Thank you [@orensenal](#) and [@ADL_National](#).

Even as we at the NYPD were actively monitoring and investigating Revolution Muslim, ADL's Center on Extremism (COE) always provided comprehensive threat documentation and analysis. It was very helpful to have another set of eyes watching the group online—and capturing evidence of the explicit threats that appeared on its web site. The COE intelligence-gathering capability and expertise helped law enforcement secure the ultimate arrests associated with Revolution Muslim. As a result of work by the NYPD, the federal authorities and the COE, Revolution Muslim, and hopefully Abdullah Faisal as well, will no longer exert influence.

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6/On 8/25/17, after a year-long investigation by NYPD Intel & [@ManhattanDA](#) during which an undercover NYPD officer communicated remotely with Faisal and he offered to help the undercover travel to the Middle East "to support foreign fighters abroad, he was indicted and arrested.

Faisal crossed the line into terrorism again with his specific call for emigration to ISIS's caliphate (hijra). On August 25, 2017, the District Attorney's Office for New York County issued an indictment for "Sheikh" Abdullah Faisal, and his arrest came after a year-long investigation by the NYPD Intelligence Bureau and Manhattan District Attorney's Office's Counter Terrorism Program, during which an undercover officer communicated remotely with Faisal. According to the NYPD, Faisal sent the officer propaganda material from official ISIS channels and offered to help him travel to the Middle East "to support foreign fighters abroad."¹⁴¹

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5/And later, after the demise of Rev Muslim, Faisal influenced Westerners to travel to Syria/Iraq and it was his recruitment of individuals into ISIS [#foreignfighters](#) that got him arrested.

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4/We do know that Faisal influenced some important terrorists like Umar Farouk Abdulmuttalab - ie. the 2008 underwear bomber, the 2009 NYC Zazi Subway plotters and Faisal Shehzad, the 2010 Times Square bomber, who all claimed to be influenced by Faisal's English-language lectures

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3/Faisal mobilized individuals. Peter Clark [@metpoliceuk](#) [@TerrorismPolice](#), "We will never know how many of those young, impressionable people whom Faisal

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individuals into action. His case highlights the importance of recognizing the role that hate speech can have in facilitating progression along the continuum between radical ideas and terrorist behavior. Faisal's arrest is

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2/Faisal was an English language ideologue who rivaled Anwar al Awlaki. Evan Kohlmann @IntelTweet aptly stated that "Faisal aspired to be a new Awlaki but was "willing to say things that would make even Awlaki turn pale."

"Sheikh" Abdullah Faisal, one such charismatic preacher, was one of the most important, influential and deadly English-language "ideologues of hate," before 9/11. Faisal supported bin Laden and Al-Qaeda even before the September 11th attacks and was quick to align with ISIS as soon as they officially split from under Al-Qaeda's control. In many ways, Faisal was "ISIS before there was ISIS."⁵

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... spin-off groups & platforms, which followed the network's ideology, and splinter groups, which @morrison_jf has written about extensively. ALM in Britain actually began as a splinter of Hizb ut-Tahrir ...

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Good to see @NYTimesOpinion Editorial page acknowledging that ideology and ideas play a role in radicalization to violence, whether they be Right Wing Extremism or Jihadist, especially when they proliferate in the online world.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 26 Nov 2018

[@evanperez](#) "We should not be ashamed to acknowledge truth from whatever source it comes to us, even if it is brought to us by 2012 sworn federal court testimony."

Evan Pérez @evanperez

Relitigating who “tipped off” foiled NY subway bomb plotter Zazi — NYPD or FBI. Those were the days. [twitter.com/MitchSilber/st...](https://twitter.com/MitchSilber/status/1000000000000000000)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 26 Nov 2018

3/And there are trial transcripts regarding Zazi to prove it.

7 THE COURT: What is the nature of the objection.
8 MS. CARVLIN: Your Honor, it is relevant. The
9 government originally when they had offered the call between
10 Ahmad Wais Afzali and Mr. Najibullah Zazi had said that they
11 were proffering in part to demonstrate that was -- at that
12 point that Mr. Zazi knew that he had been exposed, that the



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2/ In the episode, the NYPD is falsely accused of tipping Zazi off. However, when Zazi testified in Federal Court in Brooklyn in 2012, he admitted what we already knew. He had already been spooked by FBI led surveillance. See the following: [wsj.com/articles/SB100...](https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB100...)

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Daveed Gartenstein-Ross @DaveedGR

Replying to @PeterRNeumann

Why "uh oh"?



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since the government doesn't even keep good track of the danger."
[nyti.ms/2DleoZm](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/17/exposed.html)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 19 Nov 2018

Important that @WorldJewishCong is working on the safety, security, and well being of Jews worldwide. [nypost.com/2018/11/17/ex-...](https://www.nypost.com/2018/11/17/exposed.html)

**WJC** @WorldJewishCong

We have convened in Paris this week for our annual governing board meeting to discuss the safety, security, and well being of Jews worldwide. Today, #France has made a strong commitment to fight antisemitism.

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 22 Oct 2018

Congrats to the first American non-profit devoted to countering violent extremism @parallel_net. Lots of great progress.

**Jesse Morton** @_JesseMorton

We're in business @Parallel_Net. Finally got office space, interns, and more #formers, programming and research on the way. We're looking for volunteers/interns, so if you or anyone else you know is interested. DM me.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 16 Oct 2018

"There are two things the U.S. should NOT do. One is sweep Mr. Khashoggi's murder under the rug. [The other is] to dissolve the U.S.-Saudi alliance in a frenzy of righteousness."



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 15 Oct 2018

Makes perfect sense. I mean why would learning about radicalization in prisons be helpful?

Raffaello Pantucci @raffpantucci

Ministry blocks study into radicalisation in prisons

[thetimes.co.uk/article/minist...](https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/minist...)


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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 8 Oct 2018

Replying to @assafmoghadam

@assafmoghadam, great point. Don't forget the American spawn: Islamic Thinkers Society and Revolution Muslim, who incubated and produced a number of aspiring/successful terrorists. Some discussed by former RevMuslim leader @_JesseMorton here:

NYPD vs. Revolution Muslim: The Inside Story of th...

Abstract: Between 2006 and 2012, two men working on opposite sides of the struggle between global jihadis and the United States faced off in New York City. One was ctc.usma.edu



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 8 Oct 2018

First, we r specifically discussing Al Muhajiroun so this isn't a generic discussion about all ways people turn to violence. 2ndly, not all who enter an incubator catalyze and turn to violence, so its not at odds with your contention. Thirdly, how about some civility? "WRONG"??

James Khalil @JamesKhalil1

Replying to @MitchSilber @raffpantucci

Wrong.

The point is that if we are to use a metaphor, that metaphor in itself should very clearly incorporate the notion that there are many pathways, that...



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Replying to @JamesKhalil1 @raffpantucci

What your are describing is a "rule". Metaphor by its definition is not nearly so rigid.



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Watch @_JesseMorton @Parallel_Net share his journey of #radicalization, #deradicalization, and #reintegration at the 2018 #RESOLVEForum [resolvenet.org/news/jesse-mor...](#)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 5 Oct 2018

Replying to @DrMichaelKenney

Sure thing. When is the Islamic State in Britain out? Looking forward to your research and conclusions.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 5 Oct 2018

Thanks - his/mine threshold for "linked" has been being arrested for/or participating in a "plot". Agree violent protest doesn't count. Since participation in ALM/RM can be a catalyst 4 high risk activism (terrorism) I would consider the groups incubators for violent extremism.

Michael Kenney @DrMichaelKenney

1. Great points. I haven't seen @raffpantucci's research on this yet, but in general we should be careful about how we define "links." Is being arrested for going too far at a protest "terrorism-related" or linked to terrorism? I would say no, but a lot of observers count these [twitter.com/MitchSilber/st...](#)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 5 Oct 2018

Conveyer belt clearly not the right metaphor, but what is? If @raffpantucci's contention that 50% of UK jihadi terror plots have link to group/members (similar view by UK security services) is ALM a pipeline, gateway, incubator? Similar phenomenon observed in US with RevMuslim.

Michael Kenney @DrMichaelKenney

With Aniem Choudary to be released from prison any day now this

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And coming out of the @CTCWP article in September, Bryant Neal Viñas talked about his experiences in #AlQaeda at @NewAmericaISP last week: newamerica.org/international-...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 27 Sep 2018

Dutch AIVD/KLPD insights had an operational impact on NYPD strategy to give at least equal, if not higher priority to devoting intelligence resources and assets to combat homegrown threat b4 US IC was focused on it.

Colin P. Clarke @ColinPClarke

Very interesting tidbit here from @MitchSilber. I'd be remiss not to give a plug to @BartSchoorman3 who literally wrote the book on the Hofstad Group aup.nl/en/book/978946... twitter.com/MitchSilber/st...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 27 Sep 2018

Replying to @MitchSilber @ColinPClarke

It will be interesting to learn what role ISIS played or didn't play in terms of command and control, suggestion/endorsement, remote management or inspiration for this serious plot in the Netherlands.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 27 Sep 2018

Replying to @MitchSilber @ColinPClarke

2) The Dutch told us they were more worried about the next 3/11 than the next 9/11— meaning a homegrown, AQ inspired plot like 3/11/04 Madrid attack with no AQ command and control



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what they know in the wake of the Norstad's Group murder of Theo van Gogh.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 26 Sep 2018

Thanks @bott_sebastian -- ISIS Factor would be interesting. Lots of plots v. West to choose from with varying levels of connectivity to ISIS "Core".

Sebastian Bott @bott_sebastian

Replying to @bott_sebastian @MitchSilber

In general I think black/White Assessments (rise/decline or centralize/decentralize) fail to reflect the total Jihadi landscape...

Actually I would like to see "M. Silber - The al-Qa'ida factor 2 (non-Western...)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 25 Sep 2018

@bott_sebastian -- I can't name any AQ Central/Core connected plots since 2012-- hence no "Al Qaeda Factor 2". Puts me in the AQ on the decline camp.

Sebastian Bott @bott_sebastian

🤔 You R what your records says you are...

🤔 I was just thinking: could anyone name the major AL-QA'IDA (Central 🇸🇩/🇵🇰)-connected plot(s) in Western countries since~ 2012? (@MitchSilber...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 25 Sep 2018

Also very relevant as an earlier indicator for the more recent phenomenon of American foreign fighters who sought to join ISIS...radicalization process, travel, joining the group, military action, plotting vs. the West.

David Sterman @Dsterms

Pretty much the only American who actually joined Al Qaeda and isn't dead, in jail, still overseas, or in witness protection. And you can tune in to him tell his story live tomorrow. [twitter.com/NewAmericaSP/...](https://twitter.com/NewAmericaSP/)

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 24 Sep 2018

I will be @NewAmerica this Wednesday to discuss "America's First Foreign Fighter for al Qaeda After 9/11: Bryant Neal Vinas" ... via @newamerica lnkd.in/e5feZ-U

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 12 Sep 2018

Always more good stuff to read than there is time...



John Horgan @Drjohnhorgan

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Paul Cruickshank @CruickshankPaul

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 21 Aug 2018

"Stationed Overseas, but Solving Crimes in New York City (and still providing a unique intelligence/early warning radar mechanism for alerting NYPD to trends and tactics in terrorism worldwide)"

Stationed Overseas, but Solving Crimes in New York City

A network of detectives sent abroad to fight terrorism has expanded its mission to solve other crimes, but questions persist about funding. nytimes.com

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 16 Aug 2018

Phenomenal preview of what is likely to occur in coming battle for #Idlib in Syria with @SethGJones. Expect Assad to play by Russia's "Grozny Rules".

Jason Brooks @brookskcbsradio

A major battle is shaping in #Syrian. On The Crisis Next Door, Jason Brooks

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Astonishing and disturbing number from the UK. In US with 5x population of UK that would be 3380 investigations!





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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 13 Aug 2018
[@DrJohnhorgan](#) — I went to the source last summer and highly recommend it.





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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 8 Aug 2018
Fantastic piece [@Levitt_Matt](#). Just back from meetings in Vienna and it is no accident that the "Iranian diplomat" originated there. Iranian embassy in Vienna is among the largest Iranian embassies, with a 200 person staff. Vienna/Iranians will be ongoing issue of concern.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 6 Aug 2018
Congrats, Bruce!

Bruce Hoffman @hoffman_bruce
I am very grateful to the Council on Foreign Relations—and tremendously honored—to have been named the Shelby Cullom and Kathryn W. Davis Visiting Senior Fellow for Counterterrorism and Homeland Security.

Retweets 2



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 3 Aug 2018
Mike Sheehan had a critical role at @NYPDCT at a critical time. "From working with New York City cops to devising global terrorism policy. That's what made him unique."

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 24 Jul 2018
Great discussion @CSIS yesterday on CVE and CT with @SethGJones and @_JesseMorton. Thank you CSIS/Seth for hosting!



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 19 Jul 2018

Am in Vienna and this happened just a few blocks away...waiting to learn more about attacker.

Andrew Srulevitch @AndrewADL_EUR

Today, in Vienna, 3 Jews wearing kippahs were attacked by 24 y.o., "Bursay S." Police arrested him soon after.

This assault follows similar ones in Bonn a week ago and in Paris yester...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 19 Jul 2018

Have spent a lot of time in France in 2018 talking with CT and government officials & this is very concerning- 'France Begins Release of Hundreds of Radicalized Inmates' wsj.com/articles/franc...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 26 Jun 2018

Page 2. Radicalization in the West: The Homegrown Threat, 2007 sethgodin.typepad.com/seths_blog/fil...

Mitch Silber @MitchSilber

Totally agree. NYPD in 07 "While the threat from overseas remains, many of the terrorist attacks or thwarted plots against cities in Europe, Canada, Australia & the US have been conceptualized and planned by local residents/citizens who sought to attack their country of residence ...



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Supreme Court upholds travel ban 5-4. As our data shows, the ban would not have prevented a single deadly terrorist attack since 9/11 (nor 9/11 itself). newamerica.org/in-depth/terro...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 25 Jun 2018

What does that look like? Khamenei thrown overboard by IRGC and Soleimani elevated in an IRGC military dictatorship?



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Replying to @_JesseMorton

@gwupoe leadership raises important issues about a looming terrorist threat. No US program for "formers" to help them re-integrate into society increases the likelihood of terrorism recidivism.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 14 Jun 2018Hablas espanol? Muchas gracias a El Pais y Oscar. [Inkd.in/dPWWMrv](https://www.linkedin.com/company/inkd/)**La extraña amistad del reclutador de yihadistas y el...**

Jesse Morton, expropagandista de la ideología de Al Qaeda, colabora siete años después de su detención con Mitchell Silber, exdirector de Inteligencia de la Pol... elpais.com



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 8 Jun 2018Former Enemies Band Together to Counter Radicalization at Parallel Networks [Inkd.in/gMxcUnD](https://www.linkedin.com/company/inkd/)**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 6 Jun 2018

How will ISIS's #virtualcaliphate evolve? This week "From Revolution Muslim to Islamic State: The American Roots of ISIS' Online Prowess was released at the New America Foundation". Authored by a former terrorist and a former co...

[Inkd.in/dgGrqXa](https://www.linkedin.com/company/inkd/) [Inkd.in/dSkJzRk](https://www.linkedin.com/company/inkd/)**Mitch Silber on LinkedIn: "How will ISIS's #virtualca...**

June 6, 2018: Mitch Silber posted an article on LinkedIn [linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/company/inkd/)

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 4 Jun 2018

Thanks @orensegal — ADL was an important NYPD partner monitoring and capturing extremist online content as this case progressed.

Oren Segal @orensegal

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Thanks Aaron!

Aaron Y. Zelin @azelin

Read an early draft of this a few months ago. Rock solid.
twitter.com/azelin/status/...



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 4 Jun 2018

Replying to @CruickshankPaul

From the NYPD experience combating "virtual terrorist groups" and real world terrorists, it will take big data collection and analysis tools, savvy human analysts, talented human undercover sources and "digital undercover".

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A Digital Caliphate

How to defeat ISIS's next play

MITCHELL SILBER & JESSE MORTON

THE military campaign against the Islamic State has all but ended its control of territory in Syria and Iraq, yet rather than disintegrate, ISIS will likely retreat into the dark Web and encrypted apps like Telegram, where its propaganda, brain and influence can remain potent. In fact, this may be part of a deliberate long-term strategy designed by the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

In seeking to establish a digital caliphate, ISIS will increasingly resemble Revolution Muslim, a New York City-based radical Islamist network active in 2007-8 and connected to jihadist plotting on four continents.

One of us, under the Muslim kunya of Younus Abdullah Muhammad, was a founder and leader of Revolution Muslim before pleading guilty to charges of conspiracy, communicating threats and internet stalking and serving 3½ years in a federal prison. The other was director of intelligence analysis for the NYPD at the time and played a central role in investigations that led to Younus Abdullah Muhammad's (aka Jesse Morton's) arrest.

Revolution Muslim-related plots and arrests ranged from jihad june, to the stabbing of a British law student, to a plot to bomb the London Stock Exchange. In the United States, terrorist activities included the targeting of the Chabad-Lubavitch headquarters in Brooklyn, death threats against the creators of "South Park" and a subway bomb plot in New York City.

Having worked directly against each other, we know from opposite perspectives the danger, challenges and methods most effective in countering the threat posed by a virtual terrorist network.

As we write in an in-depth report to be released this week by the New America Foundation, Revolution Muslim pioneered an online propaganda effort, utilized the new mediums of social media for radicalization and recruitment and established the template for English-language jihadist magazines (which ISIS still uses today).

Revolution Muslim also incorporated "crowd-sourced" attacks, provided a platform for "virtual operational entrepreneurs" and was a radicalization hub for Americans who then sought to join overseas terror networks.

Thwarting Revolution Muslim required the use of NYPD undercover officers, informants, civilian intelligence analysts and online digital undercover officers. Eventually, after a series of operations, some in partnership with federal and international law-enforcement and intelligence agencies, the Revolution Muslim network was crushed and Morton was arrested in Morocco in 2011.

Yet Revolution Muslim's template lived on, as seen in the 2015 San Bernardino and 2017 Orlando attacks, and the more recent set of New York City terrorist attacks in Chelsea, the West Side Highway and a suicide bomber in a pedestrian tunnel to the Port Authority.

There will always be individuals in the West who are vulnerable to the siren song of jihadist groups that leverage the intersection of personal vulnerabilities, a binary vision of the West vs. Islam and the heroic ideal of the "just and holy warrior."

Social media platforms enabled these groups to reach their target audience. Facebook, Google, Twitter and others must work more quickly to take down extremist content whose only purpose is to radicalize other users.

And US authorities not maximizing the use of former extremists—besides the short-term role of extracting "info" on former associates, despite the fact that "formers" with street cred have unique standing to dissuade aspiring jihadists from going down this dead-end road.

In a similar vein, transitioning former terrorists back into society is far from easy, but it'll be increasingly important for us to get right. Close to 30 individuals incarcerated for cases related to homegrown terrorism will be released between 2018 and 2024 in the United States. Establishing some type of support system for "formers" is crucial to preventing recidivism.

Morton knows this firsthand. After cooperating with law enforcement, becoming de-radicalized and receiving a position as a resident terror expert at a respected university in August 2016, he re-opened into pre-radicalized drug use and criminality that December. He's now in treatment and once again working to fight extremism and jihadist radicalization through a nonprofit he co-founded.

Finally, if Western law-enforcement and intelligence agencies are to effectively penetrate the network of a digital ISIS to detect and disrupt plots, they'll need trained digital undercover officers who can navigate the dark Web and private communication channels of WhatsApp and Telegram.

This will require the sustained development and devotion of additional human resources by national and local law-enforcement and intelligence organizations, as well as networked coordination with overseas partners.

Jesse Morton, a former jihadist extremist, is a co-founder of the nonprofit Parallel Networks. Mitchell Silber is the NYPD's former director of intelligence analysis and a lecturer of international and public affairs at Columbia University.

Digital propaganda, real carnage: Scene of a 2017 terror attack in Manhattan.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 4 Jun 2018

It is time for Phase 2 in the War vs. ISIS and the #VirtualCaliphate:
lnkd.in/eUXP9C

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Glاد you liked it. This article did focus more on countering RM, than how it operated. More on that tomorrow [@NewAmericalSP](#) and it may be worth an offline discussion with [@_JesseMorton](#) for a future piece in your area of interest.

Michael Kenney [@DrMichaelKenney](#)

Of course, this reflects my own interest in peeling back the layers of Salafi-jihadi groups like RM and al-Muhajiroun. I enjoyed the piece!

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Mitch Silber [@MitchSilber](#) · 31 May 2018

Thank you Amarnath.

Amarnath Amarasingam [@AmarAmarasingam](#)

Had the pleasure of reading early drafts of this. A superb report by [@_JesseMorton](#) and [@MitchSilber](#). [twitter.com/dsterms/status...](#)



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Mitch Silber [@MitchSilber](#) · 31 May 2018

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Mitch Silber [@MitchSilber](#) · 25 May 2018

You can even watch the first half of [@celtics](#) v. [@cavs](#) before the documentary.



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Congrats@Cruickshank— are you cornering the market on AQ spies between this and Agent Storm?

Paul Cruickshank @CruickshankPaul

Friday at 10pm CNN will air an extraordinary one hour documentary presented by @camanpour on the story of Aimen Dean, arguably the most important spy Western intel has had inside al-Qaeda. It's based on my co-authored book "Nine Lives" out in early June: cnn.com/2018/05/23/wor...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 20 May 2018

Regardless of particulars of this situation, Goldman and Apuzzo used "spy" vs. @NYPDCT because it has a pejorative connotation. It got them the attention of the Pulitzer Board, a prize and new jobs.

PatrickDunleavy @PTDunleavy

NY Times reporter @adamgoldmanNYT says FBI informant did not "spy" on Trump campaign. This is the same reporter who complained that the NYPD was "spying" on the Muslim community when they used the same tactics as the FBI.

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 13 May 2018

Excellent recent French report on French jihadism: 137 Shades of Terrorism @ ifri.org/en/publication...

Rukmini Callimachi @rcallimachi

5. Story with the talented Adam Nossiter on what we know about the knife attacker in Paris: nytimes.com/2018/05/13/wor...

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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 7 May 2018

Figuring out how to handle "former" jihadists who are being released from prison is going to be very important in the U.S. going forward if we don't want to see a return to violence. Jesse and I are trying to work on this issue. ...lnkd.in/diE9-jc
lnkd.in/dSJavJ2



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 4 May 2018

It is under consideration as the new @Parallel_Net logo. :0

Matthew Levitt @Levitt_Matt

Replying to @_JesseMorton @jamestaranto and 2 others

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homegrown extremism. The data doesn't lie. NYC #1 target for homegrown Islamist terror.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 30 Apr 2018

A new and innovative approach in the CT/CVE space involving counterterrorist and former terrorist. [lnkd.in/deHca5F](https://www.linkedin.com/company/deHca5F) [lnkd.in/dpRnTR4](https://www.linkedin.com/company/dpRnTR4)

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April 30, 2018: Mitch Silber posted an article on LinkedIn
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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 30 Apr 2018

Dumb terrorists can be deadly. [nypost.com/2018/04/29/nyp...](https://nypost.com/2018/04/29/nypost-columnist-dr-michael-kenney-isis-isis-isis/) See [@DrMichaelKenney](#)'s still very relevant piece.

"Dumb" Yet Deadly: Local Knowledge and Poor Tra...

(2010). "Dumb" Yet Deadly: Local Knowledge and Poor
Tradecraft Among Islamist Militants in Britain and Spain.
Studies in Conflict & Terrorism: Vol. 33, No. 10, pp. 91...
tandfonline.com



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 27 Apr 2018

Great review of the recent past and assessment what may be next. ISIS vs. AQ vs the West. warontherocks.com/2018/04/with-i...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 27 Apr 2018

Thank you @PTDunleavy. I hope so.

PatrickDunleavy @PTDunleavy

Replying to @MitchSilber

Great job Mitch, Excellent piece on the effectiveness of the NYPD Intell Unit in a Post 9-11 world. @_JesseMorton successful reintegration into society may provide insight in to a viable de-radicalization program



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 27 Apr 2018

Thank you @RobinSimcox & @Drjohnhorgan —we'll want to tap your expertise.

Robin Simcox @RobinSimcox

Good luck to @MitchSilber and @ JesseMorton. Very cool idea.



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great potential in the CT/CVE space.

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For more on the unique CT/CVE partnership between @MitchSilber & @_JesseMorton highlighted by @jessdonati in her new @WSJ piece, see the Sentinel article Jesse & Mitch co-authored (released yesterday) ctc.usma.edu/nypd-vs-revolu... [twitter.com/jessdonati/sta...](https://twitter.com/jessdonati/status...)

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 27 Apr 2018

Terrorism/radicalization research and analysis, engagement with "formers" to help them re-enter society and targeted interventions working with USG will be primary areas of focus for our new venture: Parallel Networks @Parallel_Net

Jesse Morton @_JesseMorton

This from @jessdonati about my exciting relationship with @MitchSilber - The NYPD analyst hunted an al Qaeda recruiter for years. Now they're a team wsj.com/articles/forme... via @WSJ



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 26 Apr 2018

Today @CTCWP launched its April issue of Sentinel. Former extremist, and leader of Revolution Muslim @jessemorton and I co-authored the lead article - NYPD vs. Revolution Muslim: The Inside Story of the Defeat of a Local Radical... lnkd.in/d6hKvzb lnkd.in/di-f7dZ

Mitch Silber on LinkedIn: "Today @CTCWP launche...

April 26, 2018: Mitch Silber posted an article on LinkedIn [linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 26 Apr 2018

Replying to @SeamusHughes

@SeamusHughes —wanna know what he had for breakfast that day? It's not on PACER...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 26 Apr 2018

Thank you to @ctcwp as well as to my co-author @_JesseMorton. Most importantly this is a tribute to the dedicated men and women of @nypd and @NYPDCT who work discretely and who I was honored to work besides.

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NYPD vs. Revolution Muslim: The Inside Story of the Defeat of a Local Radicalization Hub by @JesseMorton &



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[@DrMichaelKenney](#) -- stay tuned for tomorrow's [@CTCWP](#) Sentinel for the feature article about Revolution Muslim and [@NYPDCT](#) by [@_JesseMorton](#) and myself. "NYPD vs. Revolution Muslim: The Inside Story of the Defeat of a Local Radicalization Hub -- connects directly with your ALM work



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 17 Jan 2018

Savvy US policy supporting Syrian Kurds to a) prevent resurgence of [#ISIS](#) b) limit Russian/Iranian force projection. Terrorism thrives in a vacuum.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 1 Jan 2018Replying to [@Levitt_Matt](#)

Fascinating that his approach doesn't require him to have any theological legitimacy; "street cred" is sufficient to do the job.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 19 Dec 2017

Fascinating interview with Former Deputy Director of Mossad, Ram Ben Barak...on threats from Hezbollah, Hamas, Syria & Iran [@thecipherbrief](#)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 2 Nov 2017My thoughts on [#NYCTerroristAttack](#) -- NYC Attack Dark Preview of Violence to Come thecipherbrief.com/article/exclus...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 28 Sep 2017

My slightly different perspective on yesterday's testimony about the current terrorist threat@thecipherbrief

Threat of Attacks Even Higher than on 9/11 as ISIS ...

FBI Director Chris Wray told Senators that the U.S. currently has "about 1,000 open ISIS-related investigations."

thecipherbrief.com

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 15 Sep 2017Early Thoughts on London's Terrorist Event Today [@thecipherbrief](#) thecipherbrief.com/column/expert-...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 27 Aug 2017Replying to [@Levitt_Matt](#) [@NYPDCT](#)

2/2 Faisal became "spiritual sanctioner" 4 RevMuslim; group at center of 15 terrorist arrests/cases/events. Difficult CT target in Jamaica.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 27 Aug 2017Replying to [@Levitt_Matt](#) [@NYPDCT](#)

1/2 Faisal on NYPD Intel's radar since deported to Jamaica from UK in 07. Concern that he would radicalize on this side of Atlantic.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 27 Aug 2017Replying to [@NYPDCT](#) [@raffpantucci](#) [@ManhattanDA](#)

Sheikh Faisal- long been a concern to NYPD Intel given his ability to radicalize individuals to violence & support for Revolution Muslim



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 27 Aug 2017Replying to [@NPRDina](#)

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@NYPD Intel we knew the network

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**Johnny Dwyer** @johnnyddwyer

Replying to @johnnyddwyer

[5] Vinas also provided information on individuals in NYC/LI, though it remains under seal and unclear whether these were Qaeda operatives

 **Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 24 Mar 2017

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Paul Cruickshank @CruickshankPaul"Blind Sheikh" Omar Abdel-Rahman dies. Imprisonment long a hot button issue for jihadis. Risk of retaliatory attacks [reuters.com/article/us-usa...](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-...)

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 30 Nov 2016

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Clearly @SeamusHughes no longer works for USG if he can say that ideology is paramount



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 22 Nov 2016

Who will challenge the US during the interregnum...the US has entered a dangerous time period.

FTI Consulting Strategic Communications @FTI_SCWhat crises or threats might arise during the high risk period between election & #InaugurationDay? ow.ly/FS3x306qFX4 @FTIGeopolitics

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@gwupoe @NBCNews --That is just the way we planned it @NYPD



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"Trump vs Clinton: Who do Global Investors & Global Corporates think is best..."

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France debates radicalization and its relationship to religion
[washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-ca...](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-ca...) Too bad the topic was too hot for @NYPD and @ACLU

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 31 Mar 2016

Replying to @kenanmalik
@kenanmalik @nytopinion Yes, Demographics UNIT closed, but "The Demographics Unit was one aspect of a broad intelligence-gathering effort."



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 31 Mar 2016

Replying to @kenanmalik
@kenanmalik @nytopinion Sageman had stages and a progression too.
belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/19... -- "Conveyor belt?"

Understanding the Path to Radicalization

"A spate of recent terrorist plots--each originating from within the United States--has changed U.S. focus on how to respond to terrorism. In addition to attempting to
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@kenanmalik @nytopinion 3/ "Different pathways, catalysts and exposure to extremist nodes affect their progress"

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 31 Mar 2016

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@kenanmalik @nytopinion 2/Also from (p16) "not all individuals or groups who begin this progression end up as terrorists"

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 31 Mar 2016

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@kenanmalik @nytopinion 1/A progression does not equal a "conveyor belt". Conveyor belts don't stop. Report was more nuanced than that.

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5/Only 9 years for u to critique the report? Yes, radicalization to violence is different in 2016. More internet.

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rand.org/blog/2016/01/a...**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 28 Jan 2016

A very thoughtful response to the "symbolic" purging of the NYPD report by @BrianMJenkins, America's jedi master of terrorism analysis



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 21 Jan 2016

Replying to @Levitt_Matt

@Levitt_Matt @roomfordebate

Maybe it is delayed reaction "Stockholm Syndrome"

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 20 Jan 2016

Replying to @cjbeckner

Thanks @cjbeckner. Sad day for two otherwise premier American institutions @NYPD and @ACLU.



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 12 Jan 2016

Which part of the motive wasn't clear....Teenager Attacks Jewish Teacher in Marseille With a Machete

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The teenager told the French police that he had carried out the attack in the name of God and the Islamic State, according to the Marseille prosecutor.

nytimes.com

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 9 Jan 2016

Thanks@WSJ. As an author of the Rad report, I appreciate your comments. Muslim and the Police on.wsi.com/1RelntP via @WSJ

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 8 Jan 2016

Hardly "deeply flawed". Too bad the ACLU wanted to censor rather than debate how radicalization to violence happens

Josh Handwiede @bhandwiede



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The Terrorist Threat to the West in 2016

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 7 Jan 2016 ▾Has #NYPD's "Radicalization in the West" joined the Index Librorum Prohibitorum (banned books list)? Nah, see securityinsights.org/2016/01/the-ny...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 16 Dec 2015 ▾

FBI Director Says #ISIS is Using Twitter to Crowdsourc Terrorism

First identified @TheCipherOnline in July thecipherbrief.com/article/crowds...**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 6 Dec 2015 ▾PeterBergenCNN explains #SanBernadinoShooting Biggest Attack since 9/11 cnn.com/2015/12/04/opi... via Rad in the West nyc.gov/html/nypd/down...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 4 Dec 2015 ▾For those looking to better understand Radicalization in the West-- see NYPD circa 2007 #sanbernadino nyc.gov/html/nypd/down...

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 2 Dec 2015 ▾Should the US fear a Paris-style attack? on.msnbc.com/1MRn1Lm via @msnbc

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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 1 Dec 2015 ▾Great new report on "ISIS in America" by Lorenzo Vidino and Seamus Hughes cchs.gwu.edu/sites/cchs.qwu...**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 25 Nov 2015 ▾

Intelligence collection/analysis requires resources: Belgian spy chief warned on budget cuts as jihadi threat grew

Belgian spy chief says he warned on budget cuts a...

A former head of the domestic intelligence agency said he repeatedly requested more personnel.

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My thoughts on ISIS's strategic shift in Paris—Just the Beginning | The Cipher Brief thecipherbrief.com/article/just-b...



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 13 Nov 2015

More than 2000 French citizens traveled to fight in Syria/Iraq. Blowback? icsr.info/2015/01/foreig...

Max Boot  @MaxBoot

We don't know much yet but we do know that France has a serious terrorism problem and it's not going away.



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 13 Nov 2015

Gunmen, explosive devices and now hostages -- seems like a re-run of November 2008 Mumbai attack (by LeT)



FRANCE 24 English  @France24_en

#BREAKING - Hostages taken at concert hall in Paris's 11th arrondissement: police f24.my/1SODTqq



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 10 Nov 2015

[@CruickshankPaul](#) Don't forget the prescient cover page article on the decentralization of the AQ/jihadist threat

Paul Cruickshank  @CruickshankPaul

CTC Sentinel November 2011 article on the insider threat at airports: ctc.usma.edu/posts/terroris...



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 20 Oct 2015

My thoughts on the changing nature of The Insider Threat [@The Cipher Brief](#) thecipherbrief.com/article/inside... via [@AddThis](#)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 5 Aug 2015

#AlQaeda wants 3K Americans dead in 1 attack, #ISIS ok killing 1 American in 3K separate attacks. Greater threat is? [nytimes.com/2015/08/05/wor...](http://nytimes.com/2015/08/05/world/middleeast/isis-al-qaeda-threat.html)

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 31 Jul 2015

@Doranimated calls Admin's Iran strategy in Mosaic [mosaicmagazine.com/observation/20...](http://mosaicmagazine.com/observation/2015/07/31/iran-strategy/) and then NYT validates him [nytimes.com/2015/08/01/wor...](http://nytimes.com/2015/08/01/world/middleeast/iran-strategy.html)

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 28 Jul 2015

Crowdsourced Jihad (and me) made the #JonStewart #DailyShow monologue [thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/...](http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/2015-07-28-crowdsourced-jihad)



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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 23 Jul 2015

Going on CNN at 2:30 @BrookeBCNN to discuss the ISIS vs. Al Qaeda threat and POTUS visit to Kenya & Al Shabab threat

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 21 Jul 2015

Flattered that Time Magazine asked me to write about #Chattanooga ...always was read in my house growing up... lnkd.in/dkjm6Q

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 20 Jul 2015

My colleague, Adam Frey @K2Intelligence discusses the terror attack in Chattanooga with the WSJ



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Key question -- was the #ChattanoogaShooting inspired by ISIS' call for violence over Ramadan. Crowdsourced jihad? thecipherbrief.com/articles/crowd...

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 16 Jul 2015

@K2Intelligence partner, Flashpoint, publishes important primer on collecting intelligence in deep and dark web flashpoint-intel.com/home/assets/Fi...



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Replying to @brianfishman

@brianfishman Abdication of responsibilities in Iraq by current admin enabled "The Unraveling" of Iraq and greater Iranian influence

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@brianfishman Agreed on both, but are those consequences of the invasion, or poor post-invasion management of Iraq by US



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@brianfishman 07 NIE said Iran halted their nuclear weapons program in fall 2003, after the invasion, which sounds like inhibit/not empower



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@brianfishman it wasn't the U.S. invasion that empowered Iranian regional influence, but rather the American withdrawal from Iraq



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Great perspective on the OPM hack -- Why Can't We Play This Game?
shar.es/1qgzGZ via [@sharethis](#)

**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 5 Jun 2015

My colleague at K2 Austin Berglas: "China is everywhere" Hackers #Breach US
OPM Computers ow.ly/NV0LD #cyber [@washingtonpost](#)



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FBI #Cyber Division Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Milan Patel joins
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Spoke with the Associated Press on Texas Cartoon Contest Shooting
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**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 15 Apr 2015

My WSJ OpEd -- Guarding Against a Cyber 9/11 wsj.com/articles/guard...



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What happens when you combine a terrorist attack and cyber attack?
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My recent comments on Fox News on the recent terrorism arrests and investigative process in Europe.

video.foxnews.com/v/399369557600...

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My take in the Daily News on how to prevent the next attack
nydailynews.com/news/crime/nix...**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 11 Jan 2015

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My interview with CBS NEWS on recent trends in terrorism and Paris
newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/01/09/exp...**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 19 Dec 2014My comments on the #SonyHack in the Financial Times
ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/1...**Mitch Silber** @MitchSilber · 16 Dec 2014Last night I spoke on OutFrontCNN on the #SydneySiege
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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 7 Nov 2014

Participated in Journal of Law & [@jlcyberwarfare](#) Warfare Conference yesterday. Pittsburgh Tribune was there

Line dividing hacker cyber crime, state-sponsored t...

NEW YORK — The lines between online thefts and all-out cyber warfare continue to blur as hackers become more effective at attacks that threaten to cause serious...
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Recent briefing I provided on terrorism threat from Syria and Iraq at
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Excellent piece by Ed Husain on radicalization to violence
[standard.co.uk/comment/commen...](#)



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One of the most thoughtful/accurate pieces on Westerners&ISIS.
[billmoyers.com/2014/10/10/rec...](#)



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Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 9 Oct 2014

Spoke with CNN yesterday on the use of technology and social media to identify potential terrorists.

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On Fox yesterday

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On FoxandFriends# today/Sunday at 0900 to discuss ISIS# and the terrorism threat to the US



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On FoxandFriends# tomorrow at 0900 to discuss ISIS# and the terrorism threat to the US



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LA Times piece on Syria/Iraq

latimes.com/world/middleea...



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Terrorist threat to the US from ISIS in Iraq/Syria. LA Times highlights why U.S. needs to be involved in Iraq. Brief quote from me.



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 8 Jul 2014

The WSJ has my OpEd on the threat from Syria/Iraq and aspiring Western jihadists.

online.wsj.com/articles/mitch...



Mitch Silber @MitchSilber · 30 May 2013

On Erin Burnett @ErinBurnett with Jake Tapper @jaketapper tonite discussing Todashev shooting in Florida and newest Inspire Mag issue.



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My dual book reviews in Foreign Policy and the changing al Qaeda threat

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